

Status of the Claims

Claims 1 – 23 have been cancelled.

24. (Previously added) A single dip composition consisting of: from about 2 to about 12 weight % epoxy activated with an alkali, and resorcinol formaldehyde latex, based on a dry weight basis.

25. (Previously added) The composition of claim 24, wherein said resorcinol formaldehyde latex has a formaldehyde to resorcinol mole ratio of from about 1.2 to 2.

26. (Previously added) The composition of claim 25, wherein said resorcinol formaldehyde latex has a latex to resorcinol formaldehyde ratio, based on a dry weight, is about 4.25 to 4.75.

27. (Previously added) The composition of claim 24, wherein said epoxy is a sorbitol epoxy.

28. (Previously added) The composition of claim 24, wherein said epoxy is in a range of about 3 to 8 weight % on a dry weight basis.

29. (Previously added) The composition of claim 24, wherein said epoxy is in a range of about 4 to 5 weight % on a dry weight basis.

30. (Previously added) The composition of claim 24, wherein said alkali is sodium hydroxide.

31. (Previously added) The single dip composition, consisting of: from about 2 to 12 weight % epoxy resin, sufficient alkali additive to buffer the composition, and resorcinol formaldehyde latex based on a dry weight basis.
32. (Previously added) The composition of claim 31, wherein said alkali additive is sodium hydroxide.